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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #947

October 13, 2005

The Graduate Council

UNI Graduate Council Minutes No. 947

Thursday, October 13, 2005, 3:40 p.m., Lang 115

Present: Etscheidt, Hensley, Joslyn, Jurgenson, Mack, MacLin, Moore, Nelson, Petersen, Pohl, Prophet, Rajendran, Thompson, Wallingford

Absent: Bozylinsky, Koch, Walker

Guest: Dr. John Fecik

1. Minutes from September 8, 2005

Nelson moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion was seconded and passed.

2. Announcements from the Chair of the Council

None.

3. Graduate College Reports

Joslyn gave the report for the Graduate College.

Koch wanted to thank those members who attended the Graduate Education Strategic Planning Retreat.

The Carver Grant project is moving forward. The call for proposals has been distributed and a committee is in place to review them after the October 24 deadline. The committee will decide which proposal will be offered next summer.

Walker requested two council members to serve on the Distinguished Scholar Committee. The deadline for application is October 31 so review of files will be in November. Jurgenson and Mack volunteered to serve on the committee.

Joslyn reminded members of the next Brown Bag Lecture Series on Wednesday, October 19. Dr. Joel Haack's presentation is entitled, "How a Mathematician Found Himself Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities".

4. Chair of the Graduate Faculty Report

Wallingford is still looking for speakers from the Colleges of Education and Business Administration for the remaining Brown Bag Lecture Series.

5. Updates from Senate Representative

Pohl is not a senate representative; therefore, there is no report.

6. Action: Meeting Start Time Change

Thompson moved that the meetings start at 3:40 p.m. instead of 3:30 p.m. Nelson seconded and the motion passed.

7. Information: Graduate Education Strategic Planning

MacLin reported that a Graduate Education Strategic Planning Retreat was held two weeks ago and meetings will continue every other week. She distributed a rough draft of the mission statement for Graduate Education and asked for comment. Suggestions were made and MacLin will take them to the next strategic planning meeting on October 25.

8. Information/Action: Faculty/Administrator Status of Faculty Representatives

Wallingford raised the question of a potential conflict of interest caused by him serving as the department head of Computer Science and as the Graduate Faculty representative on the Graduate Council. MacLin suggested a subcommittee be formed to research this issue. Nelson moved that a subcommittee be formed to research the Graduate Faculty Constitution regarding a possible conflict of interest. Motion was seconded and passed. Thompson, Moore and Wallingford volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

Jurgenson made a motion that Wallingford continue as the Graduate Faculty representative on the Graduate Council for the remainder of the year. Discussion followed noting that when Wallingford was elected he was not in his administrative position. Motion was seconded and passed.

9. Action: Representative needed for Office of Academic Assessment Advisory Board

Dr. Beverly Kopper, Director of the Office of Academic Assessment, is forming an advisory board and one of the representatives is a graduate faculty member. Dr. Kopper has requested the representative come from the Graduate Council. Pohl volunteered to serve on the advisory board.

10. Action: Representative needed for Regent's Award for Faculty Excellence Committee

Thompson and Pohl volunteered to serve on this committee.

11. Action: Volunteers needed for graduating graduate students survey development
This item was tabled.

12. Other Business

A graduate student will be the commencement speaker for December graduation. Koch has asked the deans to discuss this with their department heads. A subcommittee is needed to review the possible candidates with a recommendation to Koch by November 21. Moore, Prophet and Jurgenson volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

13. Adjournment

Pohl moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Uehle
Secretary